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For: METHOD OF FORMING A THIN)	
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Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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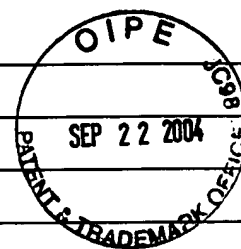
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